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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. JAN. 5. EXPRESO REPORTS ON INTERVIEW WITH CAPTAIN OF VISITING ITALIAN MISSILE DESTROYER "ARDITO". ACCORDING TO CAPTAIN, TWO FRIGATES ARE BEING BUILT AT GENOA FOR THE PERUVIAN NAVY. THE FRIGATES WILL BE ARMED WITH ITALIAN ANTI-AIRCRAFT MISSILES. EXPRESO ADDS THAT TWO MORE MISSILE FRIGATES OF THE SAME CLASS WILL BE BUILT IN PERU. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. THE FRIGATE CONTRACT INVOLVES A REPORTED \$190 MILLION (DIA'S JULY 1974 FOREIGN MILITARY ASSISTANCE - FOMA). DURING HIS SEPTEMBER 4 PRESS CONFERENCE, PRESIDENT VELASCO WAS ASKED WHETHER IT WAS TRUE THAT PERU WAS BUYING ITALIAN FRIGATES. VELASCO REFUSED TO CONFIRM OR DENY THE INFORMATION BUT DID DOWNPLAY IT SAYING THAT PERU NEEDED MONEY FOR DEVELOPMENT. THE QUESTION AND VELASCO'S RESPONSE WERE DELETED FROM THE OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE (LIMA 7440 NOTAL).

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